A large length of National Highways has already been covered. In most States, Plantation of trees is being done through the State Forest/Horticulture Department, or in consultation with them.

River-Boat Tragedies

370. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fatalities in river-boat tragedies in the country during 1993, 1994 and 1995, year-wise;

(b) whether any study has been undertaken with a view to find out the reasons therefor and to adopt further safety measures;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sharing of Yamuna Water

371. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the salient features of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the Government of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and the National Capital Territory of Delhi on the May 12th, 1994 regarding sharing of Yamuna Water;

(b) whether the allocation of water has been made to the beneficiary states accordingly;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the share of allocation made to Rajasthan from Yamuna water ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dated 12th May, 1994 between Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi regarding allocation of surface flow of Yamuna is attached as statement-I.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Upper Yamuna River Board has been regulating the seasonal allocations of available flows of river Yamuna upto Okhla amongst the beneficiary States within the overall framework of the MoU since 22nd April, 1995.

(c) A Statement showing the details of the present allocations made by the Board to the beneficiary States for the period November 1996 to February 1997 and March 1997 to June 1997 is attached as statement-II.

(d) The state of Rajasthan was allocated a share of 800 cusec Yamuna waters during the period July to October 1996, 238 cusec during November 1996 to February 1997 and 288 cusec during March 1997 to June 1997.

Statement-I

Memorandum of Understanding Between Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi Regarding Allocation of Surface Flow of Yamuna

1. WHEREAS the 75% dependable notional virgin flow in the Yamuna river upto Okhla has been assessed as 11.70 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) and the mean year availability has been assessed as 13.00 BCM.

2. AND WHEREAS the water was being utilised by the Basin States ex-Tajewala and ex-Okhla for meeting the irrigation and drinking water needs without any specific allocation.

3. AND WHEREAS a demand has been made by some Basin States on this account and the need for a specified allocation of the utilisable water resources of river Yamuna has been felt for a long time.

4. AND WHEREAS to maximise the utilisation of the surface flow of river Yamuna a number of storage projects have been identified.

5. AND WHEREAS the States have agreed that a minimum flow in proportion of completion of upstream storages going upto 10 cumec shall be maintained downstream of Tajewala and downstream of Okhla Headworks throughout the year from ecological considerations, as upstream storages are built up progressively in a phased manner.

6. AND WHEREAS it has been assessed that a quantum of 0.68 BCM may not be utilisable due to flood spills;

7. NOW THEREFORE, considering their irrigation and consumptive drinking water requirements, the Basin States agree on the following allocation of the utilisable water resources of river Yamuna assessed on mean year availability;

1.	Haryana	5.730 BCM
2.	Uttar Pradesh	4.032 BCM
3.	Rajasthan	1.119 BCM
4.	Himachal Pradesh	0.378 BCM
5.	Delhi	0.724 BCM

Subject to the following :

(i) Pending construction of the storages in the upper reaches of the river, there shall be an interim